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### **SUPPLEMENTAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

#### **PROPOSED BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT: LAKE TAHOE TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD**

##### **Supplemental Description of the Proposed Activity**

The proposed activity is the adoption of an amendment to the Lahontan Regional Water Board's (Water Board) Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan). The amendment will incorporate Total Maximum Daily Load requirements for Lake Tahoe and amend sections of the Basin Plan to facilitate TMDL implementation.

The proposed Lake Tahoe TMDL will be developed to fulfill requirements of section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act. The proposed implementation plan is required by the California Water Code (CWC) section 13242, which also requires that implementation plans be incorporated into the Water Board's Basin Plan.

The Water Board developed a detailed Project Description for the Lake Tahoe TMDL and associated Basin Plan amendment. This supplemental project description adds information regarding additional proposed Basin Plan amendments to adjust stormwater requirements to facilitate Lake Tahoe TMDL implementation.

The Water Board held two previous CEQA Scoping Meetings to describe the Lake Tahoe TMDL program and the proposed implementation plan. The previously held CEQA Scoping Meetings did not include information about needed changes to Basin Plan stormwater requirements. This Supplemental Scoping effort is intended to address the needed changes to existing stormwater requirements and provide a forum for public comments on the potential environmental impacts associated with the amending the Basin Plan.

To support Lake Tahoe TMDL implementation, a Basin Plan amendment is needed to clarify the application of the 20-year, 1-hour design storm, simplify the numeric effluent limits, and provide roadway managers design flexibility to design stormwater treatment facilities that maximize annual average fine sediment particle, phosphorus, and nitrogen load reductions.

Additional information about the Lake Tahoe TMDL, including the previously prepared Project Description, previous Scoping Meeting materials, and related technical documents can be found on the Water Board website:

[http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb6/water\\_issues/programs/tmdl/lake\\_tahoe/index.shtml](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb6/water_issues/programs/tmdl/lake_tahoe/index.shtml)